



Superintendent's Office

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all work together during these challenging times. Tomorrow is the continuation of the statewide closure of schools announced by Governor Doug Ducey and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman. **All schools will be closed through Friday, April 10.** We will continue to provide you with updates as we receive them. These updates can be found on our [COVID-19 Information page](#) and the WESD Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

We've received your questions and we have added them to the FAQ section of our [COVID-19 Resource page](#) on our Web Site. Please send your questions to wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org and we will do our best to answer them.

Q: What should I expect Monday, March 23, and Tuesday, March 24?

During these challenging times, it's important that our teachers and students stay connected. Monday and Tuesday, teachers will be reaching out to their students to check in and see how they're doing. They will use the same communication strategies that they've used all year; whether it's SchoolMessenger, Class Dojo, Remind, email or a phone call. Teachers will also be gathering information about Internet and device availability at home.

Q: How will my child(ren) continue to learn?

Washington Elementary School District has created [a collection of online educational resources and printable activities](#) to support our students' learning opportunities and enrichment during the closure of our schools. We highly recommend these activities and resources to keep children engaged.

This week, the leadership team will continue developing long-term learning opportunities for students. We know that not all students have the same access at home and so we are planning multiple ways to provide these opportunities. Teachers will be developing ways students can practice independently what they have already learned. We will also look at providing printed packets and how to disseminate them to families.

We will communicate more information this week through e-mail and on the District Web site.

Q: My child has an IEP and we have a meeting coming up. Will we still have a meeting?

Your child's special education provider will be reaching out to you to discuss options for holding your child's meeting. While schools are closed we will not be having any in person meetings.

Q: My child is on an IEP, what does the school closure mean for my child's services?

We are currently working on ways to meet all of our students' educational needs while the schools are closed. Things will look different since we cannot hold in-person classes, but we are exploring other options for meeting your child's needs. The majority of our students with IEPs needs can be met through accommodations to what we will be providing for all children and we will be working with our special education team to find ways to support children who need further modifications.

If you have specific questions regarding your child's special education needs you can reach out to Dr. Koba via email, Jeanne.koba@wesdschools.org

A few reminders:

- **Food and Nutrition**: The WESD will provide free breakfast and lunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon at 13 sites. Meals will be available for a drive through or pick up. Children can pick up one sack lunch for that afternoon and one sack breakfast for the following day. All children 18 and under qualify and they do not have to be students in the WESD to participate. Per USDA regulations, children must be present to receive meals. Meals will be distributed outside at each location and, for the safety of all involved, not be consumed at the site. Please go to <https://www.wesdschools.org/Domain/136> for a complete list of pick up locations.
- **Medication Pick Up**: On Monday, March 23, WESD Health Techs will be available at all schools for families who wish to pick up essential medications. Parents should go to the front office of their child(ren)'s school between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Medications may only be picked up by the child's parent. For safety purposes, we will be practicing social distancing and limiting the number of people in the Health Office at one time.

Once again, thank you. We will continue to share updates throughout the week.

Sincerely,



Dr. Paul Stanton
Superintendent